

5 April, 2008

Forty-one day hunger strike ends, with thanks for the support from the national and international communities from the Movement of Political Prisoners “The Voice of El Amate”

Brothers and sisters, the political prisoners of The Voice of El Amate, adherents of the EZLN’s Other Campaign and the Zapatista Group:

We would like to thank the local, national and international community for the valuable support which they have given us during the 41 ones of resistance and hunger strike. You have been observers who can measure the impunity and limited goodwill of the government.

Brothers and sisters, it has once again been shown that thanks to the people’s struggle liberty can be attained. As a result of this strike several unfairly imprisoned compañeros have regained their freedom. Therefore we have decided to accede to the request made in a communiqué directed to us on April 4, by the honorary Bishop of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico – Samuel Ruiz García. In the name of the Pueblo Creyente [Believing People] and the individuals and organizations at a national and international level who granted us their solidarity, he has asked us that we suspend the hunger strike on humanitarian grounds. Don Samuel assured us that they [Fray Bartolomé de las Casas Human Rights Center] would continue to follow our cases closely.

Accordingly, from today – Saturday April 5, 2008 – we will suspend our resistance in the form of a hunger strike, and maintain the hope that the government will swiftly fulfill the promises they have communicated to us.

We send you our greetings, and are eternally grateful for the solidarity you showed us and our family members who maintained the sit-in in front of the State Government buildings. Thank you to all of you, you will always be in our hearts.

Sincerely,

The Movement of Political Prisoners “The Voice of El Amate”, adherents to the EZLN’s Other Campaign and the Zapatista Group

Members:

Alberto Patistán Gómez
Julio Cesar Pérez Ruiz
Marcelino Díaz Gonzáles
Jesús López López
José Pérez Pérez
Maria Delia Pérez Arizmendi
Antonio Gómez Díaz
Miguel Gómez Gómez